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NEW YEAR GREETINGS



OFFICER INSTALLATION AT JAN. MEETING

date: Thursday
14 January 1988
time: 6:15 p.m. Mess Call
place: Wyatt's Cafeteria
Hancock Center

January is a most busy month for us, and this year is no exception. We ask you to make a special effort to attend this month's meeting in order to discuss the events, receive the closing reports of 1987, and support our new officers in their installation. Knowing us, there is no telling what else might transpire. Ours is an open, family meeting. You may bring as many guests with you as you can round up.

1988 OFFICERS

At the wonderful Commander's Christmas Party hosted by our outgoing Commander and his lovely lady, the following were elected to serve your camp as officers for the ensuing year.

COMMANDER.....Rodney Leist
1ST. LT.CDR.....Bill Cooper
2ND. LT.CDR.....Sam Connell
ADJUTANT.....Greg Hector
QUARTERMASTER.....Wes Schiwitz
HISTORIAN.....James Jordan
SURGEON.....Edwin Smith
JUDGE ADVOCATE....Darrell Windham
CHAPLAIN.....Tom Bishop
COLOR SGT.....David Morris



Camp Dues Notice



1988 DUES TIME

Our Bylaws require that we collect yearly dues on January first of each year. Your 1988 dues are due NOW! Reenlistment dues are \$20. The increase over last year is due to the fact that national dues were raised at the August convention. Of this amount \$13 must go to the national office; \$3 goes to Division; we retain only \$4.

Either bring your dues with you to the January meeting, or mail them to GREG HECTOR, 5914 SUNSHINE DR., AUSTIN 78757. Please make your checks payable to "Camp #59 SCV".

Announcing...

BYLAWS AMENDMENT NEEDED

At the January meeting we need to pass an amendment to our Bylaws raising our dues by the \$5 which was added to our national obligation. Article III - Dues, Section 1, should be amended by changing the amount from \$17 to \$22 (for new members). Section 2 should be amended by changing the amount from \$15 to \$20 (for current members).

Notice is hereby given that such an amendment will be proposed at the January meeting.

BE A DIXIE DONOR

If you attend the January meeting, you will receive a detailed 1987 financial report and analysis. One aspect of that analysis is that our appetite is greater than our dues can support. In fact, if you only pay the minimum dues amount, you will not even be paying for one year's cost of your subscription to this newsletter. Printing costs for this missal are running us 23.9¢ per each single issue. Postage costs are now 22¢ an issue. Multiplied by 12 issues, it costs about \$5.50 a year for you to receive the Letters. If postage goes up later this year, the cost will be greater.

Therefore, we ask that, if you are able, you include a donation with your dues in order to at least pay for your newsletter and help pay for those we send to others from whom we receive no dues. We also pay dues for our Real Sons honoring them by allowing them to maintain their membership in the SCV without cost.

If you will send a donation of at least \$10 you will be designated as a member of the Littlefield Brigade of Dixie Donors. Your name will be published on the outside of the Littlefield Letters for all to see that you care enough for the Cause to keep a free Southern press and to use for our other Southern projects.

Remember, dues and donations are tax deductible!

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SPECIAL EVENTS

CONFEDERATE HEROES DAY

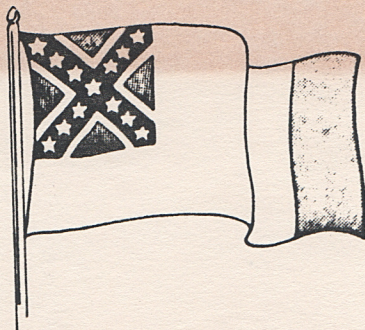
There is still a state holiday honoring Confederates in Texas. There used to be more. Now they are joined into one. Confederate Heroes Day is set on Robert E. Lee's birthday each year. However, we will share in the ceremonies honoring our heroes on SUNDAY, 17 JANUARY 1988. The ceremony will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel at Camp Mabry. It will feature our own Gen. Bishop's talk on the beautiful windows in the Chapel.

All members of the SCV are urged to show our support for this observance. Members of the Battery are needed in uniform to serve as color and honor guard.

There is more. Our LITTLEFIELD GRAVE MARKER SERVICE will take place at 3:00 p.m. at Maj. Littlefield's gravesite in Oakwood Cemetery (MLK Blvd. just east of I35). This is a very important event in the life of a SCV camp. Many guests have been invited. We will need each of you to attend, in uniform, if possible. It would not do for guests to outnumber the SCV'ers.

A reception will follow in the Museum on the Capitol grounds.

If you have never attended a Confederate Heroes Day event, this is the one you need to attend. We will honor all Texas Confederates and will place a marker on the grave of our camp's namesake honoring his service in the Confederate Cavalry. Don't expect others will attend for you, you must do this duty yourself. You may again bring as many guests as you like.

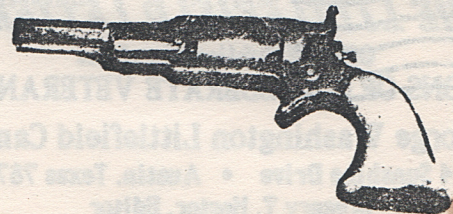


LEE IN TRIUMPH

As we approach another birthday of perhaps the most famous Confederate, Robert Edward Lee, we should reflect upon the way he lived his life, and the effect he had upon others. Col. Marshall recorded the reaction of his troops at the victory of Chancellorsville:

"The fierce soldiers, with their faces blackened with the smoke of battle, the wounded, crawling with feeble limbs from the fury of the... flames, all seemed possessed with a common impulse. One long, unbroken cheer, in which the feeble cry of those who lay helpless on the earth blended with the strong voices of those who still fought, rose high above the roar of battle and hailed the victorious chief.

He sat in the full realization of all that soldiers dream of--triumph; and as I looked on him in the complete fruition which his genius, courage and confidence in his army had won, I thought that it must have been from some such scene that men in ancient days ascended to the dignity of gods."



General Lee's pocket revolver

THEIR AFFECTION

A South Carolina private told of Lee's emotions at the love shown him by his men.

"The men hung around him and seemed to lay their hands on his gray horse or to touch the bridle, or the stirrup, or the old general's leg--anything that Lee had was sacred to us fellows....And the General--he could not help from breaking down... tears traced down his cheeks...."

Congratulations

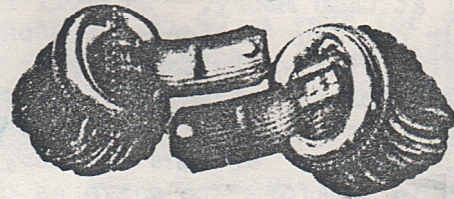
A NEW CONFEDERATE

We are indeed proud to report the birth of a new Confederate. COLON EARL JORDAN III was born on 10 December 1987. "Trey" weighed 7 pounds. His proud parents are Compatriot Earl and Sue Jordan. He is their fourth child, but he is the fourteenth grandchild of Compatriot Tate and Billie Jordan. They have eight other grandsons and five granddaughters.

What a very nice Christmas present. We wish you our heartfelt congratulations!

LEE, JACKSON, MAURY LUNCHEON

The annual luncheon honoring the births of Lee, Jackson and Maury hosted by the UDC has been scheduled for 16 January 1988. The luncheon will be held in the Driskill Hotel. Dr. Dorman Winfrey will be the speaker. Reservations must be paid by January 10th. The cost is \$15. You may call in your intent to Mrs. Mildred Bugg #472-8042. Checks may be mailed to 602 W. 9th, Austin 78701.

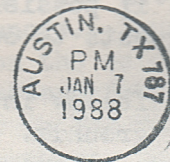


*The golden epaulets
of Robert E. Lee*

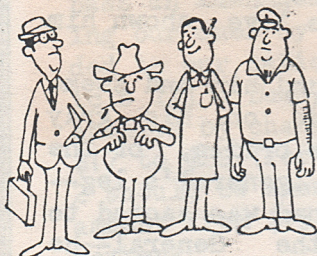
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